

### STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

Applicant calls to attention Applicants' co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, specifically Serial No. 10/776,086, now United States Patent No. 7,380,892, filed February 10, 2004, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application; Serial No. 11/672,151, filed February 7, 2007, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application; and Serial No. 12/708,062, filed February 18, 2010, which is a continuation of the present application.

During prosecution of one or more of the co-pending applications, the following documents were referenced:

<b>U.S. Patent Document No.</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>	<b>Name of Patentee of Cited Document</b>
1368652	Feb 1, 1921	Pennington et al.
2345158	Mar 1, 1944	Schroter et al.
2753190	Jul 1, 1956	Hooven
3275386	Sep 1, 1966	Eugen Bexten
3292943	Dec 1, 1966	Crockett
3333867	Aug 1, 1967	Schultze
3343889	Sep 1, 1967	Eugen Bexten
3455405	Jul 1, 1969	Parent Pierre
3506079	Apr 1, 1970	Madler et al.
3556455	Jan 1, 1971	Storm
3565198	Feb 1, 1971	Ames
3951483	Apr 1, 1976	Nakamura
4087135	May 1, 1978	Unruh
4166511	Sep 1, 1979	Stedman, Robert N.
4420272	Dec 1, 1983	Ingalls et al.
4681177	Jul 1, 1987	Zborowski
4781257	Nov 1, 1988	Gee et al.
4932677	Jun 1, 1990	Shustack
4936639	Jun 1, 1990	Pohjola
4940002	Jul 1, 1990	Bien
5127714	Jul 1, 1992	Satzler

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5168632	Dec 1, 1992	Rimlinger, Jr.
5286044	Feb 1, 1994	Satzler et al.
5312176	May 1, 1994	Crabb, Elmer R.
5409305	Apr 1, 1995	Nagorcka
5639148	Jun 1, 1997	Sheidler, Alan D.
5899543	May 1, 1999	Lykken et al.
5927412	Jul 1, 1999	Crabb
5988775	Nov 1, 1999	Nordberg

By this statement, Applicant does not admit that such documents constitute prior art, and does not admit that such documents are material to patentability. In addition, Applicant believes the documents above to be cumulative, redundant and already of record in related applications. In accordance with MPEP § 609.04(b)(IV), Applicant respectfully requests the above documents merely be placed in the application file.

### REMARKS

A Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification was issued on May 5, 2010. This amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, however after payment of the issue fee, to address the May 5, 2010 notice.

In this paper, the Detailed Description, and specifically the Summary of Drawings, has been amended to add new Paragraph [0023], which provides a brief description of FIG. 16.

In addition, Applicant provides a Statement of Relatedness, which identifies Applicant's co-pending patent applications and documents which were referenced in same.


No new matter has been introduced by the Amendment to the Specification and Statement of Relatedness. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner accept and enter these amendments.

Applicant believes that no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee not included with this Response to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 502498.

If the Examiner requires any additional information or amendment, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned via telephone at 515-283-1000.

Respectfully submitted,

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